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MEMORANDUM

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Councilmember Toni Atkins

DATE: May 9, 2006

TO: Toni Atkins, Chair of Committee on Budget & Finance

FROM: Ben Hueso, Council Member *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Budget Recommendations

After carefully reviewing the Mayor's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2006-07, I would like to recommend the following changes and request answers to the following questions:

1. Environmental Services: allocate \$300,000 for trash pick-up, as provided by the "Take Back the Streets Program". Please see Memo, dated April 6, 2006, signed by my District and Districts 1, 5, and 7 attached.
2. Neighborhood Code Compliance: The proposed budget recommends allocating \$213,000 to the graffiti division. This does not reflect NEW monies. This is a decrease to the current year's budget. In order to be effective in combating the problem of graffiti city-wide, we need an additional \$213,000, enough to fund two graffiti crews.
3. TOT/Special Promotional Programs: a) The Council's Discretionary \$72,900 funding recommended by the Commission of Arts & Culture should be allocated in the same manner as previous years, i.e., each District has discretion as to its own allocation; b) All TOT distributions should be based on a formula considering each applicant's return to the City, not based on prior-year allocations. Please provide the reasoning behind amounts recommended to each TOT recipient.
4. Special Revenue Funds: \$360,000 is proposed for street light conversions and \$300,000 for electrical circuit replacement. Please provide lists of where these monies will be spent. Please include how the list was compiled, e.g., was it complaint-driven or based on highest need?
5. What is the total TransNet budget and what projects will these monies fund?
6. Deferred maintenance: The \$10.6 million recommended for deferred maintenance should be allocated based on highest need. How was the current list compiled? Please include a copy of the list and identify each project specifically.

cc: Jerry Sanders, Mayor
Andrea Tevlin, IBA
All Council Members
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